

Peer Learning Activity (PLA): New funding models in higher education

16-18 April 2012, Ghent

AGENDA

Venue: Het Pand (Ghent University)

DAY 1: Monday, 16 April 2012

- 9.30 – 10.00** **Opening Session**
Welcome by hosts and European Commission & introductions
- PART I: PERFORMANCE-BASED FUNDING
- 10.00 – 10.45** **Key findings of study "Quality-related funding, performance agreements and profiling in higher education"**
Presentation by Hans Vossensteyn (CHEPS) & discussion
- 10.45 – 11.00 Coffee
- 11.00 – 11.30** **Scene-setting: key points from PLA questionnaires on performance-related funding**
Short presentation by Göran Melin (Technopolis) & discussion
- 11.30 – 12.30** **Host government case study: The development and effects of performance-related funding in Flemish higher education**
Presentation by Jeroen Vanden Berghe (Ghent University) & discussion
- 12.30 – 13.45 Lunch
- 13.45 – 15.15** **Panel discussion I: Experience with performance funding to date**
Short presentations of selected country cases, focusing on the main elements and impact of performance funding systems used to date - followed by reactions and discussion
- 15.15 – 15.30 Coffee
- 15.30 – 17.00** **Panel discussion II: Opportunities and challenges linked to performance funding**
Short presentations of selected country cases, focusing on factors that need to be taken into account in developing and introducing new performance-related funding mechanisms - followed by reactions and discussion
- 17.00 – 17.15** **Close**

18.00 Day 1 Meeting at hotel for evening activity and dinner

Day 2: Tuesday, 17 April 2012

PART II: Diversification of institutional income sources

9.30 – 10.30 Key findings and implications of the EUA study "Financially Sustainable Universities II - European universities diversifying income streams"

Presentation by Thomas Estermann (European University Association) & discussion

10.30 – 10.50 Coffee

10.50 – 11.10 Scene-setting: key points from PLA questionnaires on diversification of funding

Short presentation by Göran Melin (Technopolis) & discussion

11.10 – 12.30 Panel discussion III: Experiences with diversification of institutional funding: the HEI perspective

Short presentations from HEI representatives, focusing on experience to date with income diversification – followed by reactions and discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 16.00 Site visit: Ghent University, Department of Bioscience Engineering

Opportunity to explore the effects of performance-based funding and income diversification in practice in our host institution, with introductions by Guido Van Huylbroeck (Dean of the department) , followed by discussion

Free evening

Day 3: Wednesday, 18 April 2012

9.00 – 12.00 Formulating conclusions and recommendations

Objective: to identify key learning points and recommendations for governments and institutions in relation to the topics discussed.

Identification of key conclusions and possible recommendations in 3 rounds of small discussion groups, followed by short feedback sessions

12.00 – 12.15 Final wrap-up and close

12.15 – 13.00 Lunch